

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 15 June 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to West Africa from 20 to 29 June 2004, which will be led by Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission (see annex).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission is as follows:

Emyr Jones Parry (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland),  
Head of mission  
Mourad Benmehidi (Algeria)  
Ismael Gaspar Martins (Angola)  
Joël W. Adechi (Benin)  
Irene Vida Gala (Brazil)  
Ignacio Llanos (Chile)  
Jiang Jiang (China)  
Jean-Marc de La Sablière (France)  
Stefan Delfs (Germany)  
Sohail Mahmood (Pakistan)  
Patrick Chuasoto (Philippines)  
Marius Ioan Dragolea (Romania)  
Ana Jimenez (Spain)  
Sichan Siv (United States of America)

The mission will be joined in Guinea-Bissau by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of the Economic and Social Council, Dumisani S. Kumalo (South Africa).

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lauro L. **Baja**, Jr.  
President of the Security Council

## **Annex**

### **Security Council mission to West Africa 2004: terms of reference**

#### **Regional**

- Identify a coherent strategy for United Nations intervention across the spectrum from conflict prevention to peace-building
- Encourage the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and its member States, in coordination with the United Nations, to design and implement a subregional conflict prevention strategy, including how to tackle cross-border problems
- Assess what practical support is needed to strengthen ECOWAS, particularly its work on conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace-building
- Encourage strengthened cooperation among States of the subregion and between ECOWAS, the Mano River Union and the United Nations
- Identify what additional measures are needed to promote sustainable peace and security, including development, and the role of donors in supporting them
- Consider how to build on the current cooperation among United Nations missions and United Nations bodies in the subregion, including through the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa
- Assess progress towards Council objectives on the protection of civilians and children affected by armed conflict
- Emphasize the need for all countries to respect their obligations with regard to human rights and international humanitarian law
- Underline the Council's support for civil society, including women's groups
- Assess the role of sanctions and their effectiveness in helping build peace and stability in the subregion

#### **Sierra Leone**

- Assess progress towards building long-term security and sustainable development, identifying areas for priority attention by the Government and donors
- Consider appropriate benchmarks for the drawdown of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in 2005
- Assess the contribution of the Special Court and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission towards addressing the root causes of the conflict

#### **Liberia**

- Support the National Transitional Government of Liberia in its efforts to rebuild Liberia and establish the conditions for free and fair elections in 2005
- Urge all members of the National Transitional Government of Liberia to work together for shared goals and to ensure that no factions undermine the implementation of the Accra Peace Agreement

- Assess the impact of the Implementation Monitoring Committee in ensuring the full implementation of the Accra Peace Agreement
- Review progress made by the United Nations Mission in Liberia in establishing security and implementing its mandate, particularly disarmament, demobilization and reintegration
- Assess progress towards fulfilling the criteria for lifting sanctions

**Côte d'Ivoire**

- Remind every Ivorian party of its responsibility to keep the national reconciliation process on track, including through participation in good faith in the Government of National Reconciliation and in Parliamentary business, and by beginning to disarm militias and armed groups, as stipulated in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement
- Assess how the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire and the Monitoring Committee are helping to move all parties towards full implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement and credible and transparent elections in 2005
- Review progress made towards addressing the underlying causes of the conflict

**Guinea-Bissau**

- Demonstrate the Council's support for the Government's efforts to promote national reconciliation and restore democratic institutions, including free and fair Presidential elections in 2005
  - With the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of the Economic and Social Council, assess the priority needs of the Government and identify what further steps can be taken to strengthen the partnership between the Government and the international community and to encourage increased donor support
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